BAR HILL NEWS

December 2010 Issue 481

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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bar Hill Community Market

Come and join us for our

December market

Saturday 4th December
10.30 am – 12.30 pm
The Octagon

We will be selling a lot of items which you could buy as Christmas presents - there will be cards, jewellery, sewn and knitted items, jams and chutneys, wooden crafts, homemade confectionery, cupcakes, patchwork, toys, paintings, fruit and vegetables and beauty products.
You could book a facial or makeover with Tricia, for a booking during the market contact her on 07828 406764 tricia@tropical-beauty.co.uk http://www.tropical-beauty.co.uk

There will also be refreshments and mince pies. We are also hoping that there will be a BBQ (weather permitting).

Copy date for the next issue is 15th January (to give the team time to have Christmas!) to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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The ¼ page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication. This often results in a waiting list and, to help overcome this problem, we provide maxi and mini ads. These appear throughout the publication and we cannot guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions of space.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

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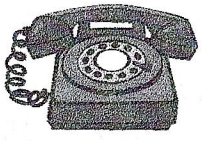

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In Memoriam

HENRY RICHARD MORRIS

We are sorry to report the death on 2 November of Henry, otherwise known as Dick, Morris. Henry moved from London to Bar Hill in 1990 and would remark that living in Bar Hill was like being permanently on holiday. We would like to thank all those who visited him during his illness or who helped in any other way, and the many who sent to him their best wishes.
The funeral took place at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel at 12.45 on 16 November. We do not intend to send cards locally this year but to make a donation to Cruse Bereavement Care.

Keith Morris and family.

In Memoriam

GEORGE DETHRIDGE

We would like to thank everybody for their messages of condolence and support after our Dad, George Dethridge from Gladeside, suddenly passed away. He loved living in the village and was really proud of Bar Hill. He always talked about his friends and neighbours very fondly.
We would also like to thank David and Adela Harris and Steve Williams for doing their best to save Dad on that morning.
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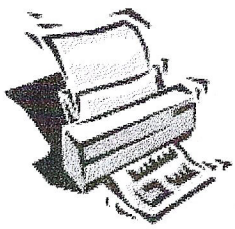

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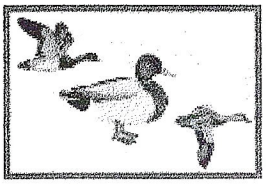
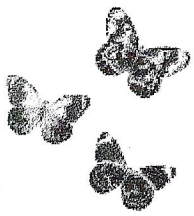
RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Fen Drayton Lakes were created from a former sand and gravel quarry, which operated between the 1950's and 1990's. Part of the area was designated a nature reserve, an obligation under the planning consent for quarrying, and the lakes became an important wintering site for wildfowl.
The RSPB spotted an opportunity to buy the site, using a legacy to release regional development funds that were available for an organisation to acquire land and provide countryside access for people living and working in the rapidly developing areas around Cambridge. The purchase was completed in early 2007, but we've not told many people about it yet, as construction for the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway has been disrupting access at times.



We've had a lot of habitat management work to do – little had been done for ten years, and winter wildfowl numbers were declining. Last January, despite frozen lakes, we had 50% more wildfowl than in January 2007.
Breeding birds have benefited too. Lapwings, ringed and little plovers bred here in 2009, after an absence of at least 14 years. Marsh harriers nested here for the first time too, rearing two daughters.
This is a site for all seasons, covering 391 hectares (1000 acres) with an extensive network of paths, and open every day. The main car park is across the busway – turn right at a T-junction where car parks are indicated in both directions.



Visit in winter for the wildfowl flocks, and return in spring to hear a bittern boom, cuckoos cuckoo and warblers warble. Butterflies, dragonflies and wader chicks will impress summer visitors. Autumn is the time for returning wildfowl, redwings and a spectacular starling roost.
We run an information point in the car park on Sundays (and Saturdays from 1 April), and year-round events (www.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes).
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BAR HILL SCHOOL

In November we celebrated and shared our vision and values with many in our local community at our Annual Vision meeting. The theme this year was eco-awareness and sustainability.

We also appointed a new pupil Head-teacher and Deputy Head on the 11 million takeover day. I had to return to being a pupil which was very interesting at my stage in life! I think being a pupil at school is far more enjoyable than my own experience over 40 years ago.

We also went spotty on Children in Need day with everyone being invited to wear spots and pay a small sum for the honour. We had spotty cakes and biscuits for sale at playtime. We will let you know how much we raised once all the money has been collected.

On December 8th we will be holding our Christmas Citizenship Café in the hall at the end of the school day (at 3:15). Please come along and join in the Christmas spirit, have a cup of tea and a mince pie and many other Christmas activities and stalls.

We received a visit from the Chief of the County Council, Mark Lloyd, who was very complimentary about our school.

Finally, and sadly, we will be saying farewell to a brilliant teacher who has spent all of her teaching career at Bar Hill School. Mrs Virginia Lacey has taught all year groups from Year 6 to Reception and has been Deputy Head and a Senior Leader during her time with us. We will miss Mrs Lacey but wish her every happiness in the coming years.

Kind Regards

Lin Whyte and staff.

Saturday December 11th, 12-5 pm

A Medieval Christmas at Denny Abbey

Visit Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum for a Christmas family event with a Medieval Flavour full of festivities reflecting the ancient heritage of Denny Abbey.

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For further information and photo opportunities contact Corrina Bower on 01223 860988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

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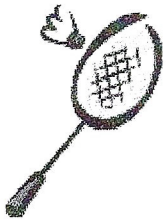

welcomes new members. Play for recreation, improve your game or focus on competitive badminton. We play in the Swavesey Village College Sports Hall on Tuesday 7 – 8 pm and Fridays 6.30 – 9.30 pm.

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Christmas Opening Hours

24th December - Noon till midnight

25th December - 12 pm to 2 pm (free drink for members, (membership cards must be shown)

26 to 30th- Noon till 11 pm

31st December - Noon till 5 pm and 8 pm to 1:30 am

1st January - Noon till Midnight

2nd and 3rd - Noon till 11 pm

SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

The start of this academic year has been focused upon the completion of the school's New Hall, Reception and associated music and conference rooms, with a festival of celebrations to mark both the Hall's opening and promote this new performance venue.

Students finally had access to the Hall for assemblies from the start of November.

The total cost of the project was £2.2million with the building project funded by the County Council and the excellent performance facilities funded through contributions from the school, South Cambs District Council, the Arts Council and other corporate or private sponsorship.

At the Opening, the Principal Martin Bacon welcomed the new facility as a suitable venue to enjoy and celebrate the achievements of the school.

The fundraising continues for the retractable seating with

further details available from Kthomas.chk@swaveseyvc.cambs.sch.uk.

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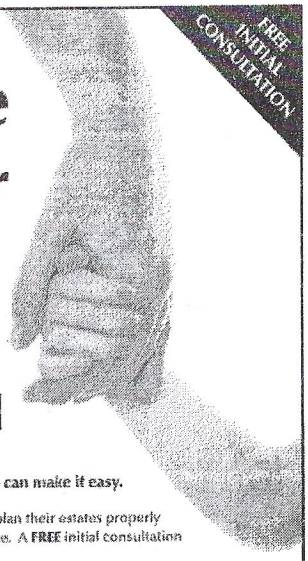

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Your first resolution for 2011

Remember to renew your subscription to the Friends during December. Call at the Library to pay for 2011. The cost is the same as this year: £6 for individuals and a bargain £7.50 for families. We'll be sending you a reminder in case you forget. Membership entitles you to greatly reduced tickets for our talks and inclusion in our social events. You need to be a Friend to belong to one of our Reading Circles.

If you are not already a member, please do consider joining. The important thing about membership of any organisation is not what you gain, but what you give. By joining the Friends you will demonstrate your support of our Library, which is an invaluable asset to our community.

Coffee mornings

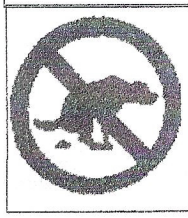
To meet Friends and find out more about what we get up to, come along to a coffee morning in the Library. These are held on the **first Thursday** of each month from 10 am to noon. The dates for the next few coffee mornings are **3 December 2010, and 2 January and 6 February 2011**.

Reading Circles

We have room for a few more members in our Wednesday reading circle. Would you like to come to a session on a trial basis to see if you would enjoy being part of one? Membership of reading circles is free, but you do need to join the Friends to be eligible. It gives you the opportunity to read and discuss informally a wide variety of books throughout the year. Pick up a form from our noticeboard, complete it and hand it in to the Library staff – our noticeboard is by the alcove that houses the reference books, and tells you more about our activities.

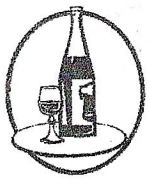
BIN COLLECTION DATES

1 December	Black bin
8 December	Green and **blue bins**
15 December	Black bin
30 December (**Thursday**)	Green and **blue bins**
6 January (**Thursday**)	Black bin



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Sports and Social Club



The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. **You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in HD,** play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar.

Looking Ahead...

See our website, www.bhssc.org.uk, for details of future entertainment and latest news.

What's on in December?

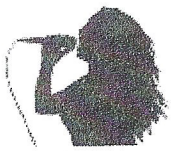
Saturday 11 - Membership draw night
Friday 17 - Christmas Draw night
Monday 27 - Children's Disco - Village Hall
Friday 31 - New Years Eve.

Christmas Draw night

The annual Christmas Draw will be held on Friday 17th of December - Christmas Draw tickets are available now from the bar. There are some excellent prizes this year - see Bar for details.

Children's Disco

A **FREE** Children's Disco will be held in the Village Hall from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Monday 27th of December. This event is open to ALL Children in the Village courtesy of Bar Hill Sports and Social Club.



New Year's Eve

Come and celebrate New Year's Eve in the Social Club with singer Carla Grey.
Free entry for members, members guests £5.
Open from 8 pm to 1:30 am.
Over 18's only.

BHSSC Supports Saturday Football Team

The good start to the new season continues for the Saturday Afternoon Team. At the time of writing they have won their first 8 games and are still top of the BIS 4B league. A convincing 7 - 1 win over Litlington Athletic took them through to the next round of the Lower Junior Challenge Cup. They are also in the next round of the John Ablett Cup. Follow the Team's progress at www.barhill-football.org.uk.

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin
01954 781881 (BHSSC)

SEE PAGE 4 FOR CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

BAR HILL COLTS F.C

October and November saw matches being played on the Village Green pitches once again. The combination of the autumn weather and sand and soil provided by the Parish Council has resulted in the channels dug during the Summer closing completely. It's good to see the Green buzzing with activity again and it is hoped that the drainage work will mean fewer postponed matches as the Winter begins.

The Bar Hill Colts Management Committee, players and parents would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MATCH RESULTS

16th/17th October

U8 Cambourne 5 - 6 BH Foxes
U10 Balsham 7 – 4 BH Ravens (Cup)
U11 BH Eagles 0 – 10 Comberton Crus
U12G Comberton 5 – 2 BH All Stars
U13 Witchford Colts 14 – 3 BH
U15 Mildenhall Utd 3 – 3 BH Rangers
U15G Fulbourn Inst 6 – 0 BH Spitfires

23rd/24th October

U9 BH Bullets 2 – 2 Cottenham Utd
U15 Shelford 3 – 4 BH Rangers

30th/31st October

U8 BH Foxes 3 – 1 Comberton Crus.
U13 BH 3 – 1 St Ives
U15 Swavesey Spartans 2 – 8 BH Rangers

6th/7th November

U10 BH Ravens 4 – 2 Dynamo Foxton
U12 BH Bombers 2 – 8 Haddenham (YL Cup)
U12G BH All Stars 4 – 0 Haddenham
U13 BH 5 – Aztec Juniors 2
U15 BH Rangers 3 – 0 Bottisham
U15G Royston Town 7 – 2 BH Spitfires (League Cup)

A MESSAGE TO DOG OWNERS

If you allow your dog to do its business on the Village Green or School pitches please clean it up afterwards. It is very unpleasant for club officials to have to remove dog mess before a match can take place. It also constitutes a health risk for the players.

New Jackets for Foxes (U8's)

Here are the Bar Hill Foxes (U8s) resplendent in their new rain jackets, sponsored by **Money Matters Wealth Management,** prior to their 3-1 win over Comberton Crusaders.

When Grace met Frank....

"I recently won the chance to have a training session with Frank Lampard through an FA/Tesco competition in the Cambridge News. I travelled with my friend **Teegan Hayden-Smith** to Surrey and we had a fantastic day at an FA/Tesco Skills session. We were presented with a football kit and then joined all the other competition winners in a really good training session. We played tag to warm up, practised passing and shooting and then played a match. Frank Lampard arrived, spoke to us about tactics and then took us training and we showed him our tricks. Afterwards we had group photos taken. Frank shook my hand and said 'Well done' and presented me with a goody bag. Sir Trevor Brooking was also there and watched me play. I had a photograph with him and he signed an autograph for me. It was an awesome day! I can't believe I played football with Frank Lampard who is No. 8 like me and I will definitely use the skills I have learnt when I play football."

Bar Hill Foxes 3 – 1 Comberton Crusaders 30/10/10

This was a hard fought win for the U8s. After dominating the early play with **Charlie Parker** causing the Comberton defence some problems, the Foxes found themselves 0-1 down following a header from a well taken corner.
Some substitutions were made before the start of the second period. With three players pushing forward the Foxes' attacking play was rewarded with an equaliser from **Kieran Marsh**. Just before the end of the period a Foxes corner was deflected over the line by a Comberton defender to make it 2-1. In the third period just one more goal was scored. **Thomas Cheesley** beat three defenders down the left before playing a good ball to the feet of **Reece Flatts** who lashed it into the net.
A good win and an entertaining match.

Bar Hill All Stars 4 – 0 Haddenham 6/11/10

This was a well played and competitive match. The All Stars lead 1-0 at half time after **Teegan Hayden-Smith** connected with a great corner from **Jess Curry.** The team moved up a gear from the start of the second half and two goals were scored by **Phillipa Hayden-Evans,** one from a seemingly impossible angle! Some good passing combinations then put **Chessie Sharman** through for her first goal for the All Stars. Goalkeepers **Anna Bennett** and **Ellie Bryden** did well to ensure a clean sheet in both halves.

Swavesey Spartans 2 – 8 Bar Hill Rangers 8 31/10/10

Three out of three wins for the Rangers with goals from **Harry Sorenson (4), Matt Childs (2), Dan Virgo** and **Ellis Lenton** with a marvellous chip over the keeper for the eighth goal.

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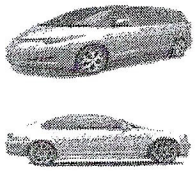

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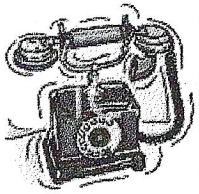
Maple Surgery News

Much has happened at the Surgery since the last update, with the list size growing and with that, an increase in staff to cope with the demands of the intensified workload. We have appointed a new Manager to deal with the day-to-day issues and demands of our busy General Practice. There are experienced new staff in the Reception and Admin Team and we are looking to employ an additional doctor.

We have a new phone system! The very outdated system has been replaced by fantastic digital kit which improves access and patient experience when telephoning the Surgery. We hope that patients have encountered an improvement but if that is not the case, please let us know! The new vertical blinds throughout the surgery provide a light and airy environment and a much cleaner look, now that the aged curtains have been removed.



Our Maple Patient Participation Group is well established and meets monthly. The Committee lead by a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary continue to help us scrutinise and improve services and are a huge asset to the Practice. If you would like to join please leave your details at the surgery Reception. We are planning Patient Education events in the New Year and details will be posted in the Surgery.

We are planning a dedicated website for the Surgery and are very keen to have ideas on what patients would like to have available via the website.
We are part of a national initiative for Chlamydia Screening offering free tests to patients aged 16-24. Chlamydia can cause infertility and we encourage all our young patients to take this simple test - kits available from the Surgery.

FLU!! There are still some patients who have not been vaccinated or who have not let us know they do not want it this year. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are one of these patients!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!! ORDER YOUR REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS EARLY. Due to the Christmas break, repeat prescriptions due during Christmas week should **order by 17th December.** Surgery will be closed on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th December.

That's all for this edition. More news next month but in the meantime the Maple Team extend very best wishes to all patients and the Community of Bar Hill.

ROSIE IN STITCHES

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies.

If you have any spare ribbons, red, yellow, blue or grey yarns we are in urgent need of your donations.

Bag yourself some bargain priced gifts for Christmas and avoid the last minute hassles.
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Saturday December 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
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Friday 10 December 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
We are registered for donations through eBay at http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=35736 and some of our items are for sale in our eBay Charity Store at http://shop.ebay.co.uk/rosieinstitches2010/m.html
We have just joined an affiliate network called Affiliate Window. There are links to IWOOT, Party 2U, The Skate Hut, Great Days Out, Moo.com, Oak Furniture Solutions, Farm and Cottage Holidays, Great Little Trading Company, Garden Bargains, Habitat, Laura Ashley and Domino pizzas on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk/links.htm.Go to their websites through ours by clicking on the shop you want. A percentage of your shopping bill will then come to The Friends of the Rosie Hospital as a donation.
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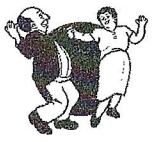
If you can improve our website, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee, details are given on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk/volunteering.htm.
Thank you for all your support.



HAPPY HOURS

We started October with a disappointment as our speaker was taken ill and could not come. However, we made up a quiz on old film titles and this went down very well. Our 'flu injections were given on 18 when the nurse managed over 40 of us in less than half an hour.

A few of our members went to the school at their invitation to attend the Harvest Service after which everyone was kindly given a bunch of flowers, plus tea and cake. Thank you very much School.

The Club has been lucky to receive a Cambs Community Grass Roots grant again this year to go towards our 21st Birthday Party and Christmas lunch. We are extremely grateful for this donation.

We held our AGM on 1st November which was well attended. Whilst we have two committee members retiring we have elected two others to replace them. Over the last year our average attendance each week has been 78% of the membership which I think proves how valuable the Club is to many people.

Our competition winners were: Rummikub – Olive Taylor, Darts – Ken Collins, Cribbage – Gwen Loveday, and Scrabble – Keith Morris. Presentations were also made to Phyllis James and Win Holt to thank them for their past help and also Fred and Olive Taylor in advance of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Helen Collins
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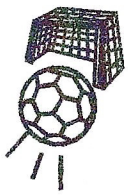
Football Project

The pitch is available to hire in the evenings . The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball and multi sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Julie Marin on 781838.

The officers of the Management Committee are:



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The Allotment Society

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Shut the door on high pressure selling

High pressure selling is something that we all want to avoid, and whilst it is quite easy to say 'no' to salespeople that call you on the phone, it is far harder to say 'no' to people once they are in your home.

At Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we frequently come across people who have been pressured into having work done or buying products having been called on out of the blue. It can relate to anything from tree felling, driveways, roofing and fascias and soffits, to mobility aids, home alarm systems and beds.

Typical high pressure sales techniques include calling through to their manager for 'the very best price', saying that that price is only available on that day, and overstaying their welcome, all used to put extra pressure on you.

We want you to avoid such problems, so below we offer a few tips:

- Where possible, when looking for a trader, go on recommendation from someone you know
- Get three quotes so that you know the price you are paying is reasonable and fair.
- Always get quotes in writing and make sure they set out what exactly you will receive for that price
- If a trader needs to visit you in your home and you will be alone, see if you can arrange for someone else to be there for extra support in case the trader puts pressure on you.
- If the contract is signed in your home and is for over £35, make sure you are given a 7 days cancellation notice – you will almost certainly be entitled to this in law and it means that you can change your mind up to 7 days after signing the agreement.
- If you are given terms and conditions, make sure you read them before signing the contract. Be careful if you are asked to sign something to say that work can start there and then – this will impact on your right to cancel the contract.
- If possible, look for a trader that is a member of a Trade Association as many of these will operate a Code of Practice for their members and some also offer a mediation scheme in case of problems.

In addition, you can get a free 'We're not buying it' sticker for your front door to discourage salespeople from calling on you at home in the first place. Simply contact Consumer Direct for one of these (details below).

You can also reduce the number of telephone sales calls you receive by registering with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707 or online at www.tpsonline.org.uk.

If you need advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact our partner organisation, Consumer Direct, on 0845 4040506 for free, impartial and confidential advice. Calls cost no more than 4p a minute for BT customers - other networks may vary.

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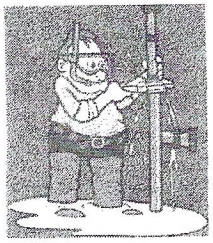

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8 o'clock Club

The 8 o'clock Club meets at 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the school at Bar Hill during term time. Our programme for the half year is as follows:

2 December – Christmas dinner (members only)

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us or come for a visit please come along to one of our meetings where we would be very pleased to see you. If you prefer to have a chat about the Club please telephone Barbara (204171), Adela (204265) or Ann (204687)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

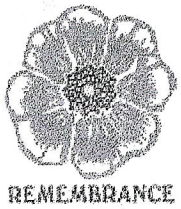
I must thank everyone for their help during Remembrance week including our Poppy Appeal Organiser and his team of Poppy Sellers. Also Tesco for their co-operation during this time, and all those that gave their services during our collection time.

I would also like to thank those who attended the Dedication Service at the Octagon. Especially the children from the School who must have been very cold with the bitter wind but they were still cheerful.

I would also like to thank the Revd. Ruth Adams for her Remembrance Service which many said was the best she had preached.

The tins have now been collected in and are in the process of being counted. The actual Poppy Appeal will be running until 30th September 2011. So the complete total for the year will not be known for some time. However we will be issuing a running total over the next few months.

On behalf of all those that benefit from your donations we thank you for your generosity and continuing support.



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COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2.00 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 07516488723 for more details.

Bar Hill Childminders

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The Bar Hill Massive Youth Project Trust
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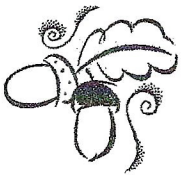

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We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

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BAR HILL YOUTH CLUB

It was great to see so many people come along to see all the hard work on the Arts project. This is first of many things we have in mind for the future, we are starting to create a feel good factor within our club, putting our own mark and stamp on it. We are looking to brighten up the inside - we have many ideas amongst us.

Our next project is our display board, for which we have designs already in mind. We would like to thank Lauren for all her support and effort With the nights now drawn in, we shall direct all our efforts on brightening our great club up here. We really enjoy ours and look forward to the future. Thank you Parish Council for your continued support.

Sam and Philomena - Youth Club members

CAN YOU HELP AT THE YOUTH CLUB?

We are in urgent need of volunteers to keep this youth provision going. Just once a month on a Tuesday or Thursday for a couple of hours. From April 1st 2011 we will not have as much county council youth support due to the current cuts. Without the support of volunteers we may have to close.

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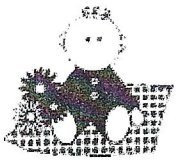
Under 1's



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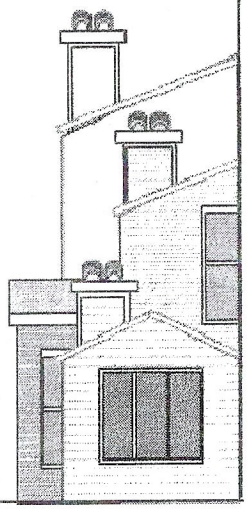

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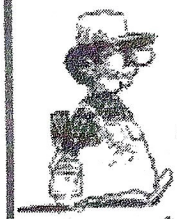

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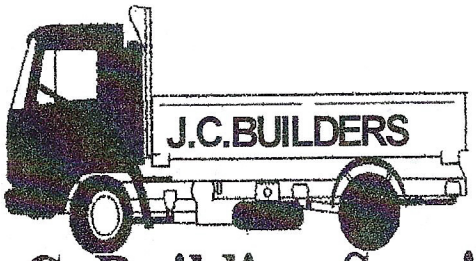

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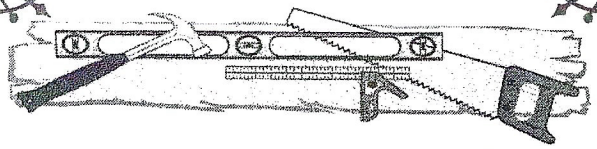

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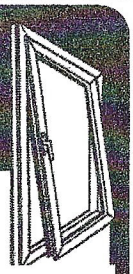

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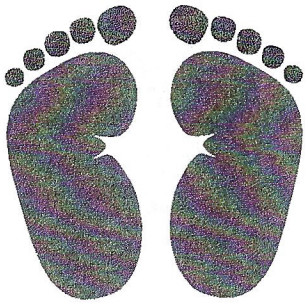

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Our preparations begin in January, with indoor nets from the 27th at **Hills Road Sports Centre.** They will take place **every Thursday from 9-10.30 pm** and all existing and prospective new members are welcome.

To all those who visited our barbecue on the village green before, during and after the fireworks display on a rather damp Bonfire Night, many thanks for your custom. And thanks also to the Residents' Association for putting on their usual fantastic display despite the weather.

For more information about all our activities, visit **www.barhillcricket.org.uk** or call me on the number below.

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Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group

Come along every Wednesday and Friday to the Octagon Room.
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Session welcomes all children aged from 0-4 years old.
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Tread Lightly on yourself as well

We depend on chemicals in our daily life and indeed we are made of them! In the last 50 years a staggering 80,000 new man-made chemicals have been created, many of which make our lives safer and easier.

However, whilst individual products contain small amounts of chemicals, it is worth remembering that we are exposing ourselves, and our environment, to thousands of them on a daily basis. We are doing so from a much younger age, whilst knowing very little about the long-term effects they might be having.

As many of you start to buy more organic products and be more aware of the damage being done to the environment, you may also want to look at reducing the number of chemicals you put on your body, or at least be more aware of the chemicals in your bathroom cabinet and make-up bag staples, for example:

☹ Triclosan can be present in toothpaste and handwashes etc to improve hygiene. Unfortunately there are worries about its build up in our environment and the affect of killing 'friendly' bacteria in the body. A couple of major retail outlets no longer sell triclosan-containing products.

☹ Parabens mimic oestrogen which has lead to well-reported concerns about links to some forms of cancer. Can be present in deodorants etc, but there are now paraben-free deodorants widely available.

☹ Phthalates are often present in hairsprays, nail polishes etc. There are concerns about abnormal development and fertility problems.

However, I would stress that this is an area open to much dispute and this article is merely intended to stimulate debate and continue making us all a little bit more aware of our environment and the small steps we can take to save our planet, whilst also benefiting ourselves.

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This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Chestnut Rise Bus Shelter
I have now requested a quotation from a company to do the ground works to have a concrete slab put directly behind the bus shelter, so once this has been done the shelter can be moved back off the footpath and level with it. Obviously the weather is now against us but hopefully if we get a few good days, this will be done before Christmas.

Police Surgery
The December Police Surgery will be held on Wednesday 15 December 4 – 8 pm **but for December only it will be held in Tesco.** There will be posters up nearer the date.

Lost and Found
We have one bike and scooter that has been handed in. If you think they may be yours please come along to the Parish Council office.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 16 December at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend. Please come along if you have an issue to raise, or if you just want to see what goes on at our meetings.

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Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Wed	Aerobics	6.45-9.00 pm
Thurs	Children's Martial Arts	4.00-5.00 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7.00-8.00 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	5-9.00 pm
Sun	Martial Arts	10 am-12 noon
Sun	Bingo	7.30-9.30 pm

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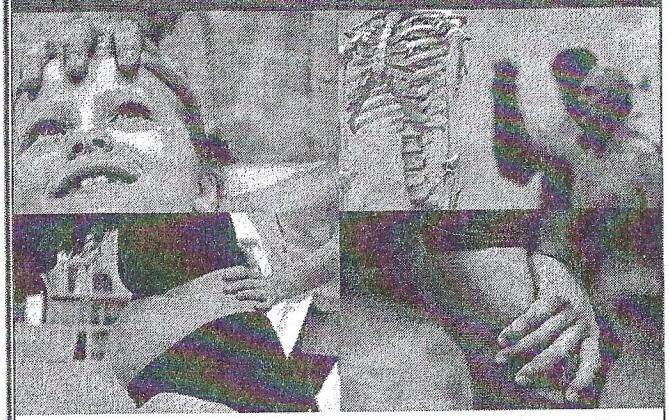

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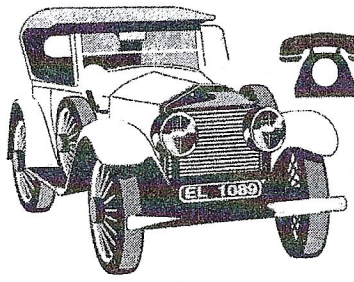

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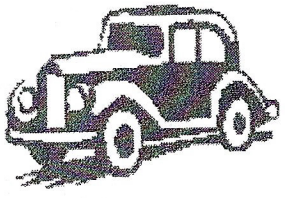

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"Excellent my daughter will want to come back", Great Stuff, got to keep Sure Start running...cheers all round". Keep an eye out for our next dads' day event which will be coming soon.
We would also like to thank all those who supported our Family Learning Festival. The theme was sustainability and we had some great activities which included; designing your own canvas bags, junk modelling, cooking and grow your own vegetables. With 24 families in attendance the atmosphere was great.
From our attendance registers it was clear to see that support was coming from all of our reach areas which include; Bar Hill, Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Dry Drayton.
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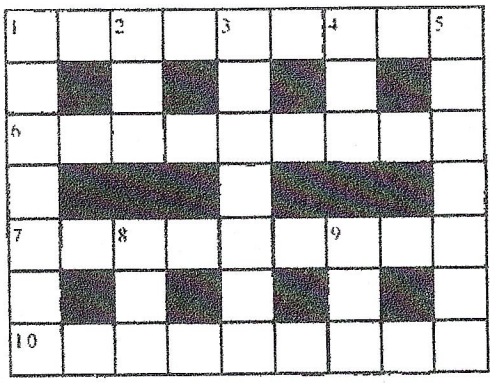

Clues for December

Across: 1 Patron Saint of Paris (3rd Jan), 6 Holy town, 7 insight, 10 water island of Cromarty Firth 445
Down: 1 Heavenly messenger, 2 use crackers on this, 3 assessing the cost of, 4 an Old English letter, 5 black and white moths, 8 a twitch, 9 an investment.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for December 2010

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	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
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	10 am	Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs 16th	3 pm	Senior Citizens Carol Service
Sun 19th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Gift and Crib Service*
	6:30 pm	Village Carol Service
Wed 22nd	10 am	Holy Communion
Fri 24th	4 pm	Christingle
	11 pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10 am	Worship and Holy Communion
Sun 26th	10 am	Holy Communion

*Gifts from the Gift and Crib will be given for Jimmy's Night Shelter and Cambridge Women's Aid. You are very welcome to come to any or all of these services. We would love to see you.

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People to contact:

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Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30)
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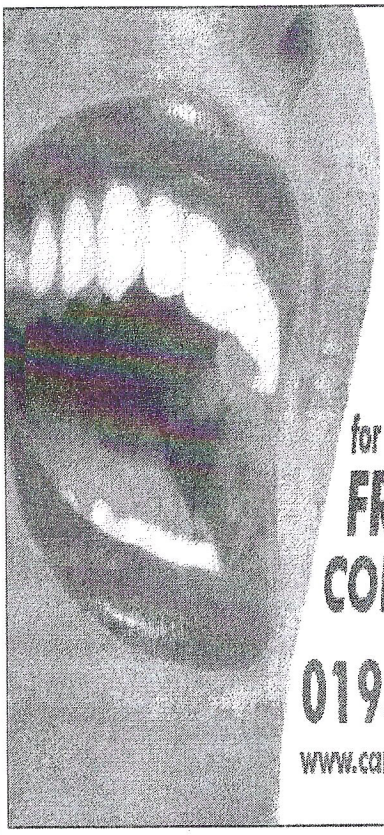

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We have two settings in the village located at the Village Hall Centre and Church Centre. Both Pre School settings have bright and airy rooms, both gardens are fully secure and enclosed. We provide safe, secure, independent learning environments for children aged 2-5 years.

Our ethos is to ensure a high quality of care and education by focussing on each individual child's ability, interests and we encourage their development throughout the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our key person and buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of individuals through planning child focussed next steps.

We have a snack bar where all children in turn prepare a variety of healthy balanced foods for themselves and peers twice a day.

Snack times help children to develop independence through preparing, making choices, serving food and refreshments.

We pride ourselves in providing outstanding Parental/ Carer partnership and use communication diaries to encourage working together.

Moving on sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

Flexible childcare and Early Years funding

We are registered for and offer 15 hours free flexible childcare for the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Play Tots sessions

These are held in both settings for Parents/Carers and children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and have a large selection of indoor/ outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots.

Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Tuesday 9.15-10.45 Village Hall Setting
Thursday 1.15-2.45 Church Centre Setting

For more information please contact either Pre School on the above numbers or feel free to pop in and meet our Managers and Early Years team during session times.

Our session allocation Co-ordinator Sarah is always on hand to support you through the registration process.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups of lively minded women. We promote friendship and self confidence, share ideas, discuss topics, listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

9th December D.I.Y. Christmas, How can you make your Christmas more personal by making some of your presents – Bring something you have made!

6th January Games evening Bring along games to play Venue: Jackie J's

22nd January New Year Social Wild West Evening Venue: TBA

3rd February Sports Fashion Research the history of clothing in sports over 19th, 20th and 21st centuries Venue: Bobby's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Kaye Fuller on 782403 or or Jenny O'Dell on 201269 . NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

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Starting 13 January 2011
Bar Hill Village Hall
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Contact: Anita Cullum
E-mail: anita01@aaj.me.uk
Tel. 0790 6176050

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

Fly Tipping Cautions

Two people have been formally cautioned for fly tipping by Environmental Services.

They were charged after large amounts of domestic waste were found in ditches on the Bar Hill nature reserve and in Old St. Neots Road in Cambourne respectively. After a report from a member of the public investigations were launched into both cases. It was revealed that both women paid a white van man to remove their household rubbish, paying £15 or £10 for the service. The accused admitted their separate offences and were charged £50 each to cover the clear up costs to each site.

Help make our actions right for you

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) wants to know if it is planning the right actions for its residents Residents have an opportunity between now and January 14 to let SCDC know. Residents can give their views online at www.scambs.gov.uk or for a hard copy call (01954) 713366 or e-mail policy.performance@scambs.gov.uk or pop into the council offices in Cambourne to pick one up.

BLUE BIN COLLECTIONS

All households across South Cambridgeshire should now have their blue bins. Those that do not are asked to contact SCDC on 03450 450 063. Residents are reminded that there are drop off points for any unwanted green boxes at Tesco in Bar Hill, Fulbourn and Milton and at Morrisons in Cambourne.

CAMBRIDGEHSIRE.NET

Please visit the Cambridgeshire.net/events website which promotes many events across the whole of Cambridgeshire including arts, crafts & exhibitions, days out, film & theatre, leisure & hobbies, walks, tours and youth activities. Add your event

You can list your event for FREE on the Cambridgeshire.net/events website (This link will open in a new window). Follow the instructions given on their registration page (This link will open in a new window).

Please contact us should you need any help or information using the contact details below.

District Councillors: Roger Hall, 11 Almond Grove, Bar Hill, CB23 8DU. Tel 01954 780304 roger.hall90@ntlworld.com

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REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS

A14 on hold

Many local residents, the business community and myself have been dismayed at the recent announcement of the cancellation of the proposed A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Scheme. We need urgent action to explore an alternative scheme to solve the acute problems.

The CHUMMS study made it clear that a multi modal solution is needed for this transport corridor; Guided Busway, rail improvements on the Felixstowe to Nuneaton route and improvements to the A14. The first two of these are well underway and of course efforts to increase the share of movement by public transport and on rail must continue. But the road is the missing piece.

The A14 provides an essential corridor for both people and freight and links the east coast ports with the Midlands and the North. The Ellington to Girton section is of particular importance. In addition to its east-west function, it also links the north and midlands with Stansted and London and a wide range of destinations in the South East. As such, it serves a vital local, regional, national and indeed international function.

The cancellation of the A14 Scheme puts at risk the very issues that we are all trying to promote – sustainable economic growth and development. It is intrinsically linked to the delivery of the major new development at Northstowe which is a key element of the plans of this area to realise its economic potential. All of the key stakeholders, public and private sector, are clear that something must be done to overcome the problems.

Immediate action is needed to address the pressing problems of safety and delay on the A14, and separately to ensure that some of the major development sites around Cambridge that already have planning permission can go ahead. I would like to emphasis that the status quo is unacceptable for all of us, locally, regionally, nationally. Something must be done and soon. For safety reasons, for economic growth, for housing growth.

John Reynolds

SPONSOR-A-SLAB!

It is proposed to build an enclosed patio onto the Village Hall to increase the attractiveness to potential hirers. To help with the cost a Sponsor-a-Slab scheme is in place. The slabs cost £2.50 and a plan of sponsors will be produced which will be framed and displayed in the Village Hall. The aim is to sell 200 slabs, several have already been sold both to individuals and Village organisations. Anybody wishing to contribute please contact me on 781282.

Jon York